

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 3-13 as follows:

The invention additionally provides products containing a *S. persica* extract. Such products are effective for improving the oral health of a companion animal. Products for companion animals that can contain an extract of *S. persica* include, but are not limited to: collagenous chewables, food, treats or snacks, and toys. Collagenous chewables include, for example, pigs feet and pigs ears. Food for a companion animal can be dry food or a moist, soft food. Treats or snacks for companion animals include rawhides, Greenies® (S&M NuTec, LLC, Kansas City, MO), Milkbones® (Del Monte Foods, Inc., San Fransisco, CA), Friskies® (Nestle SA, Vevey, Switzerland), Whiskas® (Masterfoods USA, Hackettstown, NJ), and Pounce® (Del Monte Foods, Inc.) treats, for example. Toys for companion animals can include balls, robes, or toys to chew or gnaw on. A *S. persica* extract can be applied topically (e.g., coated on) to the above-mentioned products, or can be impregnated within the product (e.g., by soaking the product in the extract, or by introducing the extract into the product during the manufacturing process).